

ABSOLUTE RATING: Below Average
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Unsatisfactory

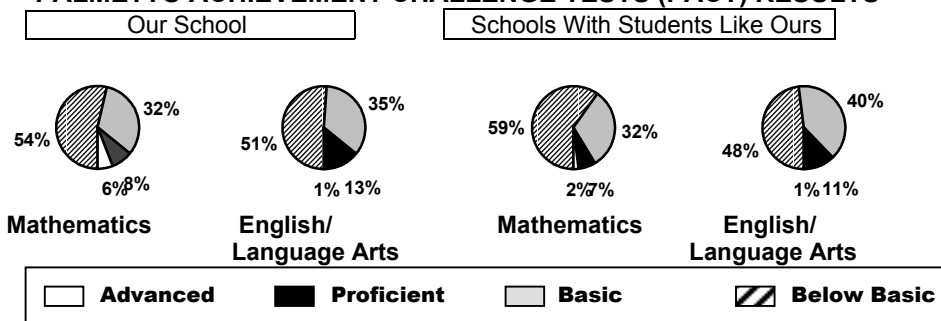
Number of middle schools with students similar to ours: 40. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from unsatisfactory to average. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

2001 Absolute Rating Below Average Improvement Rating Unsatisfactory
2002
2003
2004

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PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- **Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- **Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- **Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- **Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on 2004 School Report Cards. Social studies scores are to be reported on 2005 School Report Cards.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT

Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
All students (n=374)	48.9%	46.3%	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=38)	7.9%	5.9%		
Students without disabilities (n=323)	55.7%	52.6%		
Gender				
Male (n=177)	41.8%	41.7%		
Female (n=183)	59.6%	54.6%		
Ethnic Group				
African American (n=319)	48%	45.1%		
Hispanic (n=3)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=39)	74.4%	74.4%		
Other (n=N/A)	N/A	N/A		
Lunch Status Group				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=298)	45.3%	43.4%		
Pay for lunch (n=63)	76.2%	70.3%		

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Middle School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$5,706	N/A	\$5,534	\$5,127
• Prime instructional time	85.2%	Down from 90%	87.7%	89.6%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	N/A	N/A	21.1 to 1	21.4 to 1
STUDENTS (n=407)				
• Attendance rate	94.4%	Down from 96.3%	95.2%	95.7%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	3.6%	N/A	8.4%	4.5%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	3.1%	N/A	6.5%	4.0%
• Retention rate	6%	Down from 13.3%	6.8%	4.5%
TEACHERS (n=31)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	11.9 Days	Up from 8.8	8.9 Days	8.0 Days
• Attendance Rate	93.6%	Down from 95.6%	94.2%	95.2%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	41.9%	Down from 48.3%	41.9%	45.8%
• Continuing contract teachers	83.9%	Down from 90%	76.7%	80.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0%	Down from 3.3%	2.5%	2.4%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	84.4%	Up from 83.5%	80.7%	83.7%
• Average teacher salary	\$39,336	Up 2.5%	\$35,931	\$37,455

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Middle School
SCHOOL				
• Dropout rate	0.3%	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	63.8%	N/A	61.7%	61.5%
• Principal's years at the school	N/A	N/A	2	3.0
• Parents attending conferences	N/A	N/A	73.2%	78.2%
• Opportunities in the arts	Poor	N/A	Good	Good
STUDENTS				
• On academic plans	N/A	N/A	62%	45.8%
• On academic probation	N/A	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	8.8%	Down from 12.1%	7.4%	4.5%
• Suspended or expelled	N/A	N/A	21	15
• Enrolled in high school credit courses	N/A	N/A	7.1%	13.2%
• Gifted and talented	2.6%	Down from 3.9%	6.9%	12.1%
• With disabilities other than speech	13.6%	Up from 11.1%	14.9%	13.6%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

John Ford Middle School has an enrollment of 402 students with 79% receiving free or reduced lunch. The ethnic make-up is 86% African-American, 13.98% White, and .01 %Hispanic.

The teachers and staff believe that our children deserve the best education possible, and we are committed to the academic success of each child.

One hundred students currently have an Individual Academic Plan to assist them in improving their performance on the PACT. Our test scores showed an impressive improvement from 1999 to 2000. We believe our test scores improved due to the hard work of our students and staff, as well as increased parental involvement.

John Ford Middle School has a highly qualified staff. 50% of the teachers hold a Master's degree or above, 31% hold a Bachelor's degree plus 18 hours, and 19% hold a Bachelor's degree. All professional staff meet state certification requirements. Three of our teachers completed their National Board certification portfolios and they are eagerly awaiting the results. Mrs. Anne Shealy, the only National Board certified teacher in the district, served as Curriculum Resource Specialist to assist teachers in aligning the curriculum with the state standards.

Mr. Funchess and his environmental club received a \$1,000 award in the Environmental Eagles competition sponsored by the SCANA Corporation. The seventh grade science students created a butterfly garden in the courtyard as part of an EIA grant sponsored by the state. They also worked with Guinyard students to teach them the importance of recycling.

An emphasis on reading continues to be a vital part of the success of John Ford Middle School. Students read 15,225 books, which was an increase of over two thousand books from the previous year.

Ronald Glancy, Principal

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	56.0	48.5	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	83.3	58.5	
Satisfied with home-school relations	20.8	77.4	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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John Ford Middle
PO Box 287, Agnes Street
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Grades 6-8 Middle School

Enrollment: 407 Students

Principal

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Unsatisfactory



South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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